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(54) Bezeichnung: VAKZINE GEGEN KONFORMATIONSABHÄNGIGE ANTIGENE SOWIE GEGEN ANTIGENE, DIE KEINE ODER NICHT AUSSCHLIESSLICH PROTEINE ODER PEPTIDE SIND

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method that makes it possible to use the highly effective technology of vaccination with deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) not only on sequence epitopes of proteins or peptides, but also on conformation epitopes. The method also permits the use of DNA vaccination for antigens that are not or are only partially proteins or peptides. The preferred inventive vaccine contains a desoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) as its principal component. This desoxyribonucleic acid codes for a peptide sequence which represents the immunological imitation (mimicry) of a conformation-dependent antigen including protein conformation epitopes or of an antigen that is not or is only partially a protein or peptide. The mimicry peptide, which is also or can also be part of the inventive vaccine, is either an antiidiotypic antibody, an antibody fragment, a peptide derived therefrom or a specifically binding peptide obtained by selection from a peptide gene bank. The invention can be used in medical and veterinary medical immunology, including in the adjuvant therapy of tumor diseases.

(57) Zusammenfassung: Die Erfindung betrifft ein Verfahren, das es erlaubt, die hocheffektive Technologie der Vakzinierung mittels Desoxyribonukleinsäure (DNA) nicht nur auf Sequenzepitope von Proteinen oder Peptiden, sondern auch auf Konformationsepitope anzuwenden. Dieses Verfahren ermöglicht darüber hinaus die Nutzung der DNA-Vakzinierung auch bei solchen Antigenen, die keine oder nur teilweise Proteine oder Peptide sind. Die bevorzugte erfindungsgemässe Vakzine enthält als wesentlichen Bestandteil eine Desoxyribonukleinsäure (DNA), die eine Peptidsequenz kodiert, welche ihrerseits die immunologische Imitation (Mimikry) eines konformationsabhängigen Antigens einschließlich Protein-Konformationsepitope oder eines Antigens, das kein oder nur teilweise Protein oder Peptid ist, darstellt. Das Mimikry-Peptid, das ebenfalls Teil der erfindungsgemäßen Vakzine ist oder sein kann, ist entweder ein antiidiotypischer Antikörper, ein Antikörperfragment, ein daraus abgeleitetes Peptid oder ein durch Selektion aus einer Peptid-Genbank erhaltenes spezifisch bindendes Peptid. Anwendungsgebiete der Erfindung sind die medizinische und die veterinärmedizinische Immunologie, darunter die adjuvante Therapie von Tumorerkrankungen.





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